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HONGKONG,
Hongkong, March 21, 1906.

NOTICE.

MR JOHN WHITE COOPER BON-
NAR is this day authorized to Sign
the name of our Firm.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, March 25, 1907. 550

NOTICE.

MR HERBERT RICHARD BUDD
HANCOCK is this day authorized
to Sign the name of our Firm.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
Hongkong, February 15, 1907. 503

POSITION WANTED.

BY Young Woman of 28, Austrian,
NURSE to small children of LADY'S
MAID. Terms very moderate.
Excellent testimonials from present em-
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(P. E. H.)
c/o Mrs. J. Gaud & Co.,
Alexandra Buildings,
Hongkong, March 25, 1907. 567

WANTED.

SITUATION as GOVERNESS, German.
Speaks French fluently, also English.
Kindergarten Drill. Good References.
Apply to
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Hongkong, March 23, 1907. 544

WANTED.

LADY TYPIST, able to write shorthand.
Reply stating experience, previous experi-
ence and salary required.
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Hongkong, February 27, 1907. 379

HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING,
WEAVING & DYING CO., LD.

APPLICATION has been made to the
General Managers to issue to
ALFRED BROOKER SMITH, Esq., of
Hongkong, duplicate Certificate of 145
Shares in the above Company upon the
statement that the Original Certificate
viz.,
No. 562 dated 19th August, 1905, for 145
Shares numbered 10972 to 10981, 119051
to 119075, 4411 to 4420, 1037 to 10381
and 4078 to 4090 has been LOST or
STOLEN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if
within 30 days from date hereof no claim
or representation in respect of such original
Certificate is made to the General Managers
they will then proceed to deal with such
application for a duplicate.
JARDINE, MATTHEW & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, March 12, 1907. 477

HOWARD & CO.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing
between the undersigned HERBERT
STEPHENS, PAUL TREGILLUS and
LOUIS VINCENTOT as Merchants and
foreign representatives at 59, Queen's
Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, under
the style of 'HOWARD & CO.' has been
this day dissolved by mutual consent so far
as the undersigned Louis Vincentot is
concerned and all interest and responsi-
bility of the said Louis VINCENTOT in the
said business ceases from and including
the 18th March instant.
The business will in future be carried
on by the undersigned Herbert Stephens
and Paul Tregillus.
All debts will be paid and all accounts
collected by the said Herbert Stephens and
Paul Tregillus.
Dated this 18th day of March, 1907.
(Signed) HERBERT STEPHENS.
(Signed) PAUL TREGILLUS.
(Signed) L. VINCENTOT. 515

A. LING & CO.

FURNITURE STORE

HAVE THIS DAY

REMOVED TO

No. 19, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
Next to
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Hongkong, February 1, 1907. 229

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OUTFITTER

HAS REMOVED to new premises
14, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL
Hongkong, January 28, 1907. 116

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Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at 8 a.m. (Sunday Excepted), 10 p.m.
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Departures from Canton to Hongkong daily at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Sunday excepted).

The S.S. POWAN will leave Hongkong every Monday, Wednesday and Friday,
at 9 p.m. from Queen Street Wharf West, returning from Canton every Tuesday,
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These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the
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Departures from Hongkong to Macao on week days at 8 a.m. from Douglas Wharf and
at 2 p.m. from the Company's Wharf. On Sundays Special Cheap Excursions,
leaving Hongkong at 9 a.m. from Douglas Wharf and from Macao at 5 p.m.

The Company also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 8 a.m. and from
Hongkong at 1 p.m. from the Company's Wharf.

Departures from Macao to Hongkong on week days at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Canton-Macao Line.

a.s. LUNGSHAN, 219 tons, Captain T. Hamlin.
Departures from Macao to Canton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 7.30 a.m.
Departures from Canton to Macao on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 7.30 a.m.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K. & C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVI-
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The steamer stays long enough at Sam-
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Hongkong, March 19, 1907. 523

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCHANTILE

INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1905,
£17,337,113.

—Authorized Capital £3,000,000

Subscribed Capital £2,750,000

Paid-up Capital £2,587,500 0 0

II—Fire Funds £3,388,720 19 8

III—Life & Annuity Funds £1,762,898 8 6

£17,337,113 8 1

Revenue Fire Branch £2,061,044 19 8

Life & Annuity 1,713,808 19 10

£3,774,853 19 8

The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and
Life Departments are free from liability in
respect of each other.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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(IN LIQUIDATION)

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.50 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.

7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

8.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.15
p.m. every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

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Extra Cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the
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Hongkong, August 27, 1905. 1961

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Hongkong, March 12, 1907. 472

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Hongkong, March 12, 1907. 471

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Hongkong, March 14, 1907. 508

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
CHINESE MAIL (Wah Yee Yat Po)
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debts contracted by its employees, and that
all documents regarding Money Matters,
Leases, Mortgages, Letters of Guarantees,
&c., require two of the following signatures:
LUK HING NAM.
NGAN HANG PO.
For the CHINESE MAIL,
LI SUM LING,
Manager.
Hongkong, February 1, 1907. 218

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Intimations.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LD.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th March, at 12.15 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1906.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 8, 1907. 441

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the General Agents, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of March, 1907, at 11.45 o'clock in the forenoon, when the following Resolutions will be proposed:

- That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association, viz.:—
a. That the words "Company or Corporation" be inserted between the words "person" and the word "for" in the second line of the definition of "The General Agents" in Article No. 2.
b. That the first five lines of Article No. 7, and the word "Company" in the sixth line be eliminated and the word "Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd." be inserted in the sixth line of the definition of "The General Agents" in Article No. 2.
c. That at the end of Article No. 18, the following words be added:—All signatures of the General Agents may be subscribed by such person or persons as may from time to time be thereto authorized by the General Agents.
d. That the word "their" in the first line of Article No. 22 be eliminated and the word "the" be inserted in the first line of Article No. 21 and the word "the" be inserted in the second line of Article No. 21.
e. That the words "each of them, his" be eliminated in the first line of Article No. 22 and the word "the" be inserted in the second line of Article No. 22.
f. That the words "each of them, his" be eliminated in the first line of Article No. 22 and the word "the" be inserted in the second line of Article No. 22.
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2. That the above resolution making the above changes in the Company's Articles shall come into force and take effect from and including the 1st day of May, 1907.

Should the above resolutions be passed by the required majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 8th day of March, 1907.

By Order,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Green Island Cement Company, Limited, will be held at the COMPANY'S REGISTERED OFFICE, St. George's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on the 31st day of April, 1907, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the following Resolutions will be proposed:

- That the Capital of the Company be increased to \$4,000,000 by the creation of 200,000 New Shares of \$10 each.
- That the Articles of Association be altered by striking out the figures "\$1,500" in Clause 6 of Article XII and by substituting therefor the figures "\$4,000", and by striking out the word "lands" in the second line of clause 1 of Article XVI and by inserting after the said Clause 1 new Clause as follows:—
(1a) The Company in general meeting may in the year 1907 pass a Resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalize the sum of \$900,000 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's reserve fund and accordingly that that sum be distributed as a bonus amongst the shareholders in proportion to the shares held by them respectively and that the General Managers be authorized to distribute among the shareholders the said \$900,000 undivided profits in the following manner:—
(b) When such Resolution has been passed the General Managers may allot and issue the \$900,000 undivided profits credited as \$4.50 paid up to the shareholders in satisfaction of the said bonus in proportion to the shares held by them respectively and prior to such allotment the General Managers may authorize any person on behalf of the shareholders to enter into any agreement with the Company providing for the allotment of them of such shares credited as \$4.50 paid up and in satisfaction as aforesaid and any agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

Dated 16th day of March, 1907.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

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Intimations.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LD.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th March, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1906.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 8, 1907. 440

THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the General Agents, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of March, 1907, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the following Resolutions will be proposed:

- That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association, viz.:—
a. That the definition of "Jardine, Matheson & Co." be eliminated in Article No. 2.
b. That Article No. 7 be eliminated.
c. That Article No. 8 be eliminated and the following Article be inserted in its place:—
"Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall be and they are hereby appointed the General Agents of the Company and the Managing Director in the East of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be the Chairman of the Company."
d. That at the end of Article No. 14 the following words be added: "And all signatures of the General Agents may be subscribed by such person or persons as may from time to time be thereto authorized by the General Agents."
e. That the word "their" in the first line of Article No. 22 be eliminated and the word "the" be inserted in the first line of Article No. 21 and the word "the" be inserted in the second line of Article No. 21.
f. That the words "each of them, his" be eliminated in the first line of Article No. 22 and the word "the" be inserted in the second line of Article No. 22.
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2. That the above Resolution making the above changes in the Company's Articles shall come into force and take effect from and including the 1st day of May, 1907.

Should the above resolutions be passed by the required majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 8th day of March, 1907.

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THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the General Agents, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of March, 1907, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, when the following Resolutions will be proposed:

- That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association, viz.:—
a. That the words "Company or Corporation" be inserted between the words "person" and the word "for" in the second line of the definition of "The General Managers" in Article No. 2.
b. That Article No. 9 be eliminated and the following Article substituted therefor:—
"Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall be and they are hereby appointed the General Managers of the Company and so long as they shall continue to be such General Managers the Managing Director or in the East of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be the Chairman of the Company."
c. That at the end of Article No. 94 the following words be added: "All signatures of the General Managers may be subscribed by such person or persons as may from time to time be thereto authorized by the General Managers."
d. That from the beginning of Sub-section 2 down to and including the word "Head Office" in the 4th line of Article No. 95 be eliminated and the following words be inserted instead: "So long as Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall be the General Managers of the Company the signature of the said Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall be necessary to all cheques drawn for any purpose on the funds of the Company at its Head Office."
e. That the words "and their assigns or (as the case may be)" be inserted between the words "Managers" and the word "their" in the first line of Article No. 92.
f. That the word "their" in the first line of Article No. 100 be eliminated and the word "the" be inserted in the first line of Article No. 100.
g. That the words "and to the Common Law Procedure Act 1854" in lines 5 and 6 of Article No. 129 be eliminated.
h. That the words "to the payment of bonus and dividend and be eliminated from line one of Article No. 6.
i. That at the end of Article No. 20 the following words be added: "Every such statement of accounts shall be accompanied by a report of the General Managers and of the Consulting Committee as to the state and condition of the Company and as to the amount (if any) which they propose should be carried to the Reserve Fund and as to the amount which they recommend to be paid out of the profits by way of dividend."
j. That Article No. 110 be expunged.
k. That the words "if practicable" be inserted between the words "Reserve Fund" and the word "shall" in Article No. 111.
l. That Article No. 115, 114, 116, and 118 be expunged.
m. That the above resolution making the above changes in the Company's Articles shall come into force and take effect from and including the 1st day of May, 1907.
n. Should the above Resolutions be passed by the required majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 7th day of March, 1907.

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DEFAUDING THE REVENUE.

London, February 15.

A gigantic scheme upon the part of a firm of distillers to defraud the revenue is reported to have been unearthed by the internal revenue officers. The latter, it is asserted, discovered a system of underground pipes through which whisky was conveyed from the distillery to the duty-paid warehouses, whence it was distributed to the trade, thus escaping the tax of 11s. 6d. per gallon.

The authorities are said to have demanded the payment of a fine of £20,000 upon the smuggled liquor. The matter will be brought up in Parliament.

STANDARD OIL DIVIDEND.

New York, Feb. 15.

The directors of the Standard Oil Company to-day declared a quarterly dividend of \$15 a share. The dividend was the same amount in the corresponding quarter of last year, and \$10 per share three months ago. The capital stock of the Standard Oil Company is \$100,000,000, of which John D. Rockefeller owns 40 per cent. The \$15,000,000 to be distributed this quarter, Rockefeller will receive \$6,000,000. Since 1898 the company has paid \$230,000,000 in dividends, and by the end of the present year the total will reach \$400,000,000, or four times the total capital, in nine years. During this period Rockefeller has received in all about \$165,000,000.

"SIMPLE LIFE" AT CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 5.

Nine women and fifteen men have organized a "Simple Life" colony, at 1171 Milwaukee Avenue, and under the guidance and instruction of Dr. Arthur Gluck, Austrian philosopher and inventor, began this week to live the new life.

The purposes of the colony, whose members expect it to number hundreds of followers in Chicago within a year, are to live a daily existence devoid of everything unnatural and artificial.

"When our colony takes up its complete and rounded life," Dr. Gluck, we will have absolutely no use for the kitchen, the baker and the candlestick-maker. Our needs will be few, simple and of such a nature that we will almost entirely supply them ourselves.

"All intoxicants, tobacco, meats, candies, ice, pepper, salt and delicacies are banned from the colony. The members will be advocates. When an individual makes up his mind to come into the colony he must not only agree to do without these articles, but he must agree to dispense with the use of tooth brushes, razors, hair mattresses and a hundred other supposedly useful and necessary articles.

"The next point that receives attention at the hands of the simple life advocates is the matter of clothing. The present day attire is tabooed. The members will garb themselves in robes of unbleached linen; their shoes will be made of linen, as well as their hats.

"Rules, exacting to the very letter, are provided for comportment and marriage. When a man decides he has discovered his heart's desire he will inform other members. There will be a general meeting will be assembled and the members will discuss the fitness of the match. If they think the marriage will prove wise and happy they will give their approval and the pair will be married by one of the members of the colony. There will be no wedding cake or bridal party."

Life at Mars.

The inhabitants of Mars are just now again making talk for people in Europe. According to Professor Lowell's latest discoveries, which are vastly interesting to the students in America (says the Gentlewoman), Mars is peopled by a mankind far superior to our own. Girdling the planet, he says, is a canal, or rather one short canal joining another, which is connected with a third, and so on over the entire surface of the planet. The climate is one of terrific heat trading on the heels of intense cold, and the year is twice as long as ours. Mars is small enough to be already old, and large enough to have begotten vegetation. All points to the existence of both vegetable and animal life there, and it is only a matter of time, declares the enthusiastic Lowell, when "some supreme Columbus of science will actually see and signal another responsive world."

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The above sensational case proves conclusively that Bile Beans can cure the worst cases of liver disorder. They are equally effective for debility, biliousness, constipation, piles, nervousness, anemia, female ailments, weakness, pains in the back, sleeplessness, loss of appetite, congestion of the liver, headache, flatulence, pimples, and skin eruptions. Obtainable of all chemists and medicine vendors. Price 7d. each (Mex.) per bottle.

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Astrea	cruiser, 2nd class	4380	10	9000	Captain S. L. Vaughan Lee	Shanghai
Brumby	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut. Comdr. Davidson	Yangtze
Brimstone	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut. Comdr. B. M. B. M.	Yangtze
Odium	steamer	1070	6	1400	Comdr. B. L. Majumdar	Hongkong
Cherub	steamer	1070	6	1400	Comdr. H. D. Wilkin, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Olivo	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	5700	Lieut. Comdr. Hughes	Hongkong
Flora	cruiser, 2nd class	4380	10	7000	Capt. Grant Dalton	Hongkong
Flora	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	4000	Lieut. Comdr. Cox	Waihaiwei
Flora	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	4000	Lieut. Comdr. Henniker Heaton	Waihaiwei
Flora	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	4000	Lieut. Comdr. W. H. Darwall	Waihaiwei
Flora	cruiser, 1st class	14,000	14	22,000	Capt. Cecil F. Thursby, R.N.	Singapore
Flora	river gunboat	818	4	1200	Lt. Comdr. E. Y. B. Dugmore	Hongkong
Flora	cruiser, 1st class	9800	—	—	Capt. A. J. Tuke	Hongkong
Flora	river gunboat	180	2	900	Lt. Comdr. R. E. Vaughan	West River
Flora	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Lieut. Comdr. J. Kiddle	Waihaiwei
Flora	cruiser	2400	—	—	Capt. Woolcombe	Hongkong
Flora	surveying-boat	835	6	850	Comdr. G. E. Moore	Hongkong
Flora	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt. Comdr. C. Walcott	West River
Flora	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt. Comdr. H. T. Atty	Yangtze
Flora	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt. Comdr. Lyns	Hongkong
Flora	cruiser	280	6	6500	Capt. C. J. Eyres	Hongkong
Flora	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	6500	Commodore Williams	Hongkong
Flora	river gunboat	450	2	800	Lt. Comdr. R. Secretan	Singapore
Flora	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut. Comdr. C. West	Waihaiwei
Flora	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6300	Lieut. Comdr. Stevenson	Hongkong
Flora	surveying ship	825	—	450	Comdr. R. W. Glendon	Hongkong
Flora	torpedo boat destroyer	340	6	6500	Lieut. Comdr. O. E. L. Thomas	Waihaiwei
Flora	river gunboat	185	2	800	Lt. Comdr. G. B. Spicer-Simson	Upper Yang

MANCHURIA.

Chinese and Japanese.

(From Our Correspondent.)

PEKING, March 26.

The Tartar General at Heilongkiang reports that the Japanese refuse to leave the native town and settle in the international settlements.

He has asked the Waiwupu for instructions.

SITUATION IN THE NORTH.

Serious Disturbances Possible.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, March 26.

The Viceroy of the Yunkwei provinces has reported to the Central Government that two well-known mob leaders are plotting to create disturbances simultaneously in Tungking and Tushan.

The situation is considered to be serious and troops are being despatched to suppress the movement.

A MISSING JUROR.

Fined by the Pains Judge.

At the Supreme Court this morning when impaneling the jury for the forgery case the Deputy Registrar (Mr. J. W. L. Jones) called out—Petro Loureiro—Peter Loureiro.

There was no response and the juror's card was placed on one side. When the jury had been sworn in the Pains Judge (His Honour Mr. A. G. Wise) sent for the bailiff (Mr. F. Howell), whom he directed to call at the National Bank and tell Mr. Loureiro to attend at Court at once. "If he doesn't come," added the Pains Judge, "tell him I'll issue a warrant for his arrest."

While the bailiff was absent Mr. Loureiro came into Court, remaining there for a few minutes before being noticed. He was then called up and the Pains Judge asked—Why did you not come?

Mr. Loureiro—I must apologise. I thought it was for 10.30.

The Pains Judge—That will not do. One of the gentlemen on the jury has to suffer for you.

Mr. Loureiro—I am sorry—

The Pains Judge—I fine you \$25.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Matthew Brown, an old resident of Japan, died on March 16, at Yokohama, after an operation for cancer of the stomach. Mr. Brown had been chairman of Kobo Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He was 55 years of age.

The retirement is announced of General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, and the promotion to General of Lieut. General Sir John French, in the vacancy. Major-General Sir Bruce Hamilton becomes a lieutenant-general, vice Sir John French, and consequently will shortly vacate command of the Second Division at Aldershot in favour of Major-General Stephenson.

The Daily News says:—There was some happy by-play at the Missionary Exhibition in Manchester. Mr. C. T. Studd, the famous cricketer who went as a missionary to China about twenty years ago, complimented Manchester on possessing "so fine an eighty-one ton gun" as Dr. Alexander MacLaren. Mr. Edwin Holt alluded to the veteran preacher as being, in cricket parlance, "81—not out." But Dr. MacLaren said that for the rest of the game, he must occupy the less strenuous and more dignified position of an umpire.

Yesterday evening the installation of the Worshipful Master of United Mark Lodge took place. Wor. Bro. H. G. Baker, being re-installed W.M. for the ensuing year. He invested his officers as follows:—S. Warden, J. Smith; J. Warden, J. N. Jones; M.O., E. C. L. Lewis; S.O., W. Withers; J.O., C. E. Frith; Chap., F. Cooper; Treasurer, R. McDonald; Reg. of Marks, J. H. Osberry; Secretary, G. Leckie; S. Donon; W. Wolfe; J. Denton; C. W. Ward; Organist, J. Longstaff; D.C., T. Morgan; I. Guard, J. Hedger; Stewards C. W. Parkinson and G. Western. At the conclusion of the ceremony the masons adjourned to the Hongkong Hotel for dinner, after which an enjoyable evening was spent, the following contributing to the programme of music and elocution:—Wor. Bro. Wolfe, Bros. Thwaites, Withers, Reed, Quinn and Cooper and Messrs Todd and Brown. Wor. Bro. A. O. D. Gourdin proposed the health of the Wor. Master, which was responded to by the Wor. Master. The health of the visitors having been honoured the national anthem brought the concert to a close.

Exchange. After remaining at 2s. 17½d. since the 22nd, exchange fell ½d. to-day, the quotation now being 2s. 17½d.

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Chinese authorities are threatened, or actuated from motives of self-respect or self-interest; they can discover means to reach their ends. They should be informed that such methods should be discovered now and at once, if for no other object than the danger that they will lose the respect of all other nations. Possibly, other and stronger reasons should be urged upon them. At any rate they should see that this sort of thing should be put down with a strong hand for it is a barbarity that no civilized nations would for a moment tolerate.

The agitation in the adjoining provinces regarding the scarcity of rice still continues, in fact it seems to be sweeping a larger number of interested people into the circles of unrest as the days go by. Although the Viceroy of Canton was reported to have sent some thirty thousand bags of rice to those who were starving at Tungkuu, he, at the same time, appears determined to prevent any more outbreaks if it can be avoided. The papers report that the two ringleaders have been hastily brought to judgment, and, at a trial that was more or less formal, were condemned; they have already lost their heads. If the officials can manage to fill hungry mouths with the same promptness as they manage to cut off the heads of those who offend the laws, they will do well. Meanwhile, there appears to be little light in these discussions as to the cause of the dearth of rice. One correspondent has stated that owing to the famine in the Centre of China orders have been issued that rice shall not be exported from the Yangtze, and that, therefore, much of the Wu rice, which generally comes to Canton in considerable quantities, is withheld from the people of Kwangtung. All possible steps are to be taken to prevent a further scarcity in the southern provinces and to this end it is proposed to buy as much as possible from Burmah and Annam, and import it into the province, and, at the same time, prevent any of what is already in store from being sent out, whatever may be the needs of any other part of the empire. This would seem selfish, but it may be wise.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

We understand that His Majesty the King of Siam starts from Bangkok en route for Europe to-morrow.

There will be no issue of the CHINA MAIL on Good Friday. On Saturday the paper will be issued as usual, and on Easter Monday it will be published about noon.

There were 375 Chinese and 174 European visitors to the City Hall Library, and 161 European and 3,440 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ended March 24th.

A special telegram to the N.-C. Daily News says the War Department of the United States has furnished the Army transport steamer "Buford" to convey the "Christian Herald's" famine relief cargo of 5,000 tons to China.

The Japanese Government has been engaged in the investigation of life insurance business in Japan since last year. If it finds it profitable, the Government will purchase all the insurance companies and make the business a Government monopoly.

It is stated, says the Yordun Choh, that Admiral Yamamoto, who left Tokyo for England some time ago, will remain in London after H.H. Prince Fushimi's mission is over in order to discuss with the British Government a certain question of the highest importance.

Suicide or Accident?

The dead body of a Chinese woman, aged 34 years, was picked up in the rear of No 217 Aberdeen Street, under circumstances which are taken to point to suicide. The woman lived on the top floor of the house and it is suggested that she jumped from the window to the ground, a distance of 42 feet. It is of course possible that she fell out.

Post Office Notices.

Friday, 29th March, Saturday, 30th March, and Monday, 1st April, being Public Holidays, the Post Office will be open for one hour only, i.e., from 8 a.m. till 9 a.m. In the event of the arrival of the French mail from Europe on Monday next, the Office will be open for the delivery of the Mail for one hour. There will be one delivery and a collection of letters each day, as on Sunday. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

SUDDEN ATTACK OF DYSENTERY CURED.

A prominent lady of Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A., writes to Dr. J. C. Chamberlain of Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. She says: "While stopping at a ranch in South Dakota I was taken ill of what seemed to be cholera. They gave me some of this medicine and it cured me. I brought a bottle home and have just used the last of it to-day." For sale by all chemists and druggists.

Bannerman and his followers will find an expensive matter. The expense argument is two-edged. However, the matter is apparently settled at all events for the life of this Parliament but we doubt whether the last has been heard of the scheme. A responsible British officer announced publicly not long ago that he fully believed that within five years aerial navigation would be an accomplished fact. If this prognostication proves to be correct all the anxiety about a possible invasion through a narrow tunnel will be obsolete. There are no aerial boundaries or frontiers, and immunity from invasion by an enemy who descends from above is not secured by "the little strip of silver sea" which in by-gone times no doubt preserved the Channel Tunnel scheme will be hard put to it to find arguments to justify their position. But they have prevailed for the present and the only thing to do is to accept the position and hope that the next time the scheme is brought forward it will be given a sporting chance.

Those who are familiar with local politics in Canton, as far as the word can be applied to local government, are aware that there is much difficulty in raising funds for the carrying out of the various schemes that everybody regards as important. To the disgrace of the local government be it recorded they have taxed houses of ill-fame in order to raise money. Now, throughout the district that the Pun Yue reigns over, it has been decided to give licenses to wizards, witches, necromancers and others of that ilk, not in order to discourage them from carrying on their deceptions, and thus far preventing them from deceiving the public, but simply to gain the additional funds which it is expected may be added to the local coffers. The magistrate has issued a proclamation, and informs each and every one of them, that a license is required, and it will be good for a year. For this license two dollars and twenty cents must be paid. Two men have already offered to farm the monopoly, and have offered the magistrate \$1,320 dollars for the privilege. It is said that the money thus raised is to be devoted to education, but the proviso is carefully added: "except a small sum that may be devoted to current expenses."

The two robberies perpetrated upon Missionary Hospitals reported in our issue this evening reveal a condition of lawlessness in Kwangtung that the officials would do well to take cognizance of, and at once handle in their most vigorous way. It is well known that robbers abound, and banditti are, in many instances, as bold as the sportsman who goes out to shoot snipe or pigeons. It is said that under the present Viceroy's more humane regime robbers are daily becoming more bold, and are ever working wider havoc among the peaceful part of the inhabitants. We believe it may be safely remarked that the average European who resides in Hongkong, or, even in the Treaty Ports, has no correct idea of the real state of affairs in the interior. It is only those who are conversant with the pages of the native press who can form a correct estimate of the condition of things. Whilst, however, the bandits confine their attentions to their own people, whether they kidnap and carry off the wealthy owner of a shop or bear away many bags of his silver dollars, foreigners do not usually express strong opinions on the matter. If notice of these depredations comes to their ears, they shrug their shoulders, and intimate that in China, "such is life." When, however, foreigners are molested in this way and worse still, foreign hospitals are robbed of the very instruments with which the doctors are able to carry on their work, the matter assumes a very different complexion. It seems like shooting down an enemy, like sniping members of the medical staff, who, in times of war, are seeking the wounded, in order to help them. But apart from the sentiment, which, among robbers in China, apparently, does not exist, Chau Fu should be given to understand that robberies like this cannot be tolerated. As a rule, when the

MARRIAGE.
BESSELY, MOVLAN.—Feb. 12, at Baywater, F. L. BESSELY, of the Chinese Customs Service, to EDITH MARY MOVLAN.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Meetings.
11.30 a.m.—Meeting, China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.
12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.
2.30 p.m.—Meeting of National Bank of China, Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

Auctions.
Noon—Auction of Triple Expansion Marine Engine, at Kwong Sang Loong's Boiler Yard, Tai Kok Tsui.
Noon—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at No. 10, Queen's Garden, Peak Road.

Miscellaneous.
Goods per Siberia undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, March 28.—
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 8, Patell Villa, Kowloon.
3 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Leasehold Property, at Messrs Hughes & Bough's Sales Rooms, 40, Queen's Road.
Goods per Catharine, Apur undelivered after 4 p.m. on this date will be landed.
Goods per Zulu not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.
Goods per Sumatra undelivered after 4 p.m. this date will be landed.

FRIDAY, March 29.—
Exchange Banks Close.
Goods per Benvenue undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, March 30.—
11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 1, Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon.
Transfer Books of China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., close from this date to 15th April inclusive.

MONDAY, April 1.—
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TUESDAY, April 2.—
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.
3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Properties, at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Room, 5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's Cathedral.

WEDNESDAY, April 3.—
11 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.
Transfer Books of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., close from this date to 12th April, inclusive.

THURSDAY, April 4.—
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 6, Cameron Villa, the Peak.

FRIDAY, April 5.—
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.

SATURDAY, April 6.—
7.45 p.m.—Annual Dinner of Hongkong Football Club, at Hongkong Hotel.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1907.

THE CHANNEL TUNNEL.

APPARENTLY the fate of the proposed tunnel beneath the English Channel to join England and France has been decided. The Government has declared against it, not because of any direct demerits of the scheme itself but because the construction of the tunnel would, it believes, necessitate increased expenditure on the Army and Navy. It is a pity that the question was not thoroughly threshed out and all the arguments for and against listened to before a conclusion was arrived at. Unfortunately the leaders of the Unionist party are as strongly opposed to the scheme as is the Government, consequently it was doomed from its inception. It might be fairly argued in reply to the Government that the refusal to permit the tunnel to be constructed necessitates increased expenditure at all events on the Navy. That is very easily shown. Given the tunnel in existence and a state of war between Great Britain and any country other than France there would be no fear of Great Britain being starved into submission. Unceasingly train loads of supplies would pass beneath the bed of the Channel and no enemy could possibly interfere with them. But without the aid of the Channel Great Britain would have to depend for her supplies upon her mercantile shipping which would be exposed to the attacks of swift commerce destroyers. The British navy would have to be kept up to a strength which would render us practically impotent, and that is a strength which Sir Henry Campbell-

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BY TELEGRAPH.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

Treaty Signed.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, March 25.

A treaty between France and Siam has been signed at Bangkok, which settles all pending difficulties, including the retrocession to France of Battambang, Siemreap and Sisophon. France cedes Krat and Dansai to Siam.

All Frenchmen by the treaty obtain the right to acquire property anywhere in Siam.

RUSSIA AND ENGLAND.

Czar's Ships at Portsmouth.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, March 25.

A Russian squadron has arrived at Portsmouth on a few days' visit.

LORD SALISBURY.

A Statue Wanted.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, March 25.

Public subscriptions are invited to erect a statue of Lord Salisbury at the Foreign Office.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

OBITUARY.

LONDON, March 24.

The death of the Procurator of the Russian Holy Synod is announced.

PRINCE FUSHIMI'S VISIT.

LONDON, March 24.

Prince Fushimi has arrived at Marseilles per "Britannia." King Edward will receive the Prince, on his return from Biarritz.

EUROPEAN STOCK EXCHANGES.

LONDON, March 24.

Consols are quoted at 84½. A general liquidation is proceeding on all the stock markets.

The Continental markets are overladen, and there is a heavy pressure to sell. There is much anxiety for the next account of the Stock Exchange.

BILLIARDS.

Colossal Scores.

LONDON, March 24.

Mr Lovejoy, the ex-Antiquary Champion, playing Mr Fidler, the local Professional at Hull, made a break of 2237, unfinished, consisting mostly of "anchor cannons," this constitutes a world's record.

Tom Recco, playing the Australian Champion at Thurston's Rooms in Leicester Square, made a break of 4593, unfinished, which included 2268 "anchor cannons," but the match, not being played under the Billiard Association Rules, does not count as a record.

(Since Lovejoy transferred from the amateurs to the professionals he has been playing remarkably well. Last month when playing Harverson (a well-known professional) he made the extraordinary number of 283 successive cannons without disturbing the object-balls more than the fractional part of an inch. At the present moment the ex-amateur champion stands out as the fastest scorers before the public. His wonderfully rapid execution when he succeeds in getting the balls in the position that he invariably plays for being marvellous. Several times during the match with Harverson he was "checked" and found to be averaging 100 in 4 minutes, whilst in the 603 he was at the table only 17 minutes. The time is quite exceptional for 556 of the points were scored without his moving a foot or even lifting his arm from the table. It was simply wonderful to see his ball double kiss on to both objects and then come back to almost identically the same position as it had rested prior to his making the stroke.

There is no doubt (remarks the Sportsman) that if Lovejoy had continued his break on the Friday night he would have broken Stevenson's record of 603, for then he was in perfect touch, but having reached his points, play had to cease. He is not so case hardened to public play and notice as the other players, and is rather sensitive of criticism. Possibly the public attention, and the large attendance directed him on Saturday. Still, it was a remarkable performance, and one that shows what is possible in a game of billiards. Lovejoy has known the stroke for years, and knew that when he once obtained the position he would make a big break.

The stroke has been compared with the "anchor" made famous by Frank O. Ives when he opposed Roberts in the famous match against Roberts at Knightbridge in 1893, but is altogether different. The American certainly had the object-balls against the left and top cushions, but whereas they were close together, over two inches away apart, Lovejoy's anchor, when Lovejoy was playing, Roberts was certain-

ly caught napping when he made the match with Ives. He sent Tom Taylor to America with power to make a match on terms that would bring the two players equally together. Ives insisted upon 31st and 21st balls, which was all in favour of his marvellous cannon play and against the English hazards. However, such was Taylor's confidence in Roberts that he conceded the size of the balls, overlooking the fact, as any stranger might, that Ives might get the balls in the corner and keep them there. For a time Roberts went so well in the play that he led by nearly a thousand, but then Ives got the balls placed in the left top corner, not quite jammed, for their size prevented that, and made his break of 2539, which included 1207 cannons. Had he pleased, the American could have finished the game right off, but when his position was secure, at the request of the "gods" to "amash them up," did so. Roberts had a great respect for Ives' play, and is reported to have once said that the American was the only man he feared with a cue.

Early in March—about the 6th—Recco made a break of 1269 in which he scored 521 consecutive cannons.—Ed., O.M.]

UNREST IN MOROCCO.

French Doctor Killed.

LONDON, March 24.

A French Doctor, Mauchamp, has been shot, and afterwards stoned to death in the streets of Marrakesh.

The French cruiser "Jeanne D'Arc" has been ordered to proceed to Morocco. It is believed that France will demand a heavy compensation.

The murder appears to be due to the erection of a flagstaff by the Doctor for geodetic purposes, which the natives believed to be a part of a wireless installation.

The British Consulate was stoned and Mr Moore was hurt. British subjects are safe, but are confined to their houses. Moorish guards have been provided.

"DOWN WITH THE PEERS."

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, February 18.

Parliament opened on Tuesday, with everybody expecting that the King's speech would include a strong statement of the Government's intentions in regard to the House of Lords and the coming Colonial Conference. The first was indeed dealt with, but in a bold and indefinite manner, while the latter escaped without notice.

Still the programme the Government has set itself is so extensive and runs counter to so many interests that the general comment on the whole plan is "It can't be done in a year." To reform the Lords, the Publicans, the Irish and the Army in twelve short months—less those consumed by the Vacation—will indeed mean a terrific rush on the part of the House of Commons, and to accomplish even a tithe of it in the teeth of opposition and obstruction will surely mean sitting often till the "wee sma' hours" beyond the twal. Everybody now enquires—What is C. B. going to do to the Lords? Revolution by resolution appears to be the answer. That is to say by resolution the House of Commons will declare that when a measure is passed by a large majority in the lower chamber the Upper House will have its right of veto curtailed to one session, and if in the next session the Commons are still of the same mind the bill must pass. Of course the assent of the King in this drastic change will be essential, and the question is further how far he is in sympathy with the Commons. I hear he is strongly displeased by the speech of the Attorney General (Sir Lawson Walton) who in addressing his Yorkshire constituents late the other evening failed to note the busy paws of the reporters still at work, and added some indiscreet remarks about "a work of grim and serious character" that would involve "something like a revolution." He subsequently informed that the Commons and the Crown would combine against the aristocracy of the House of Lords. Sir Lawson Walton is a successful lawyer who has gained prominence by sheer grit, and he is a genial good fellow to boot, but he has never been a really prominent statesman.

Still the remarks, coming from a Law Officer of the Crown, were trumpeted all over the country as heralding a complete scheme for humbling the Peers. As a matter of fact there is no scheme yet. It is in the crucible stage. The King disapproved of the speech; so did the Premier. Hence subsequent interviews, explanations and statements from Sir Lawson Walton that he was expressing "merely a personal opinion."

The King may not be averse to some modification of the present parliamentary system. He is believed to have Democratic leanings, and Mr. Timothy Healy, who is just back from America, says the Irish Americans regard England with a more friendly eye than ever before, because they believe the King is a sympathiser with Irish aspirations of local government.

Alco Memorial Hospital.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alco Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

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KNIVES and spoons are of very great antiquity, but the use of forks is comparatively modern. Indispensable as these adjuncts of the table may now appear, they had not become a part of general use at the beginning of the 18th century.

TRAGEDY AT POKFULUM.

Chinaman Chopped to Death.

As the result of a quarrel with his partner Yum Heng, a gardener, met his death yesterday. The two men lived together in a match near Pokfulum Road and were engaged in straightening out their accounts. Yum Heng was accused by his partner of cheating and words followed, during the course of which Yum Heng's partner seized a chopper and before he could be stayed he had dealt Yum Heng several severe blows about the head and neck, severing the jugular vein.

Yum Heng fell to the ground mortally wounded and the assailant turned and attacked two of Yum Heng's children, one a boy aged 6 and the other a girl aged 3. The wounds inflicted upon them both are serious but are not expected to prove fatal. The assailant escaped from the scene of the tragedy and it was some time before the police were informed. The children were removed to the hospital and are said to be recovering, but so far no trace of the murderer has been found. He has had a good start but hopes are entertained of effecting his capture.

CHARGE OF FORGERY.

A Japanese Sentenced.

A special session of the Criminal Court was held this morning, before His Honour Mr. A. G. Wise (Puisne Judge) in order to allow of the charge of forging and uttering a cheque preferred against Sokei Tono, a Japanese employed by Lieut. Lloyd-Thames, Commander of the torpedo boat destroyer "Janus," to be disposed of before the "Janus" went north.

The Hon. Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz prosecuted and accused was undefended. He pleaded not guilty on both counts and the following jurors were sworn:—Messrs C. G. S. Mackie, R. H. Spier, A. C. Squair, L. D. Philpot, J. E. Backhouse, L. Munro and W. Wetherpoon.

Evidence to the effect that the accused presented a cheque for \$200 to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which cheque was a forgery, was given and on accused having nothing to say the jury returned a verdict of guilty on both counts.

The Puisne Judge sentenced accused to five years' imprisonment on the charge of forgery and three years' imprisonment on the charge of uttering, both sentences to run concurrently.

MISSION HOSPITALS ROBBED.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, March 25.

A few nights ago the Wesleyan Missionary Society's Hospital in Wuchow was broken into by robbers and the instruments and other property of value carried off. Of the instruments a clean sweep was made. Of course, robbers can sell foreign instruments very easily in these times, for native practitioners are very glad to get them from a pawnshop, whence, probably, they can be bought at a moderate price, and no serious questions asked by anybody.

Almost as soon as this robbery was perpetrated information to hand reports another outrage of the same kind on the same Society's hospital in Fatsien. Burglars entered with revolvers, and though no shots were fired, they intimidated the natives in charge, so that they were afraid to offer any effective resistance.

A day or so previous to the burglary, a blackmailing letter had been received by the doctor in charge, threatening all kinds of terrors, and among them that fire would be set to the hospital buildings unless a sum of \$700 were handed over at a notified place, in two or three days. In the Fatsien instance, a good deal of property was carried off, though, apparently, the robbers were not able to get hold of the medical instruments.

SUZ CANAL CONTROL.

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, February 14.

There has been for a long time great dissatisfaction in British shipping circles as to the composition of the London Committee of the Suez Canal Company, and by the time this letter is mailed the British Chamber of Shipping will be giving audible voice to this feeling. I sought out the secretary of the Chamber, Mr. W. E. Cook, yesterday and he explained to me that the Hull shippers would take the lead in the matter. The Committee consists of Sir Thomas Sutherland, Mr. Robert Alexander, Mr. R. S. Donkin, M. P., Lord Rathmore, Mr. F. Green, Sir J. L. Mackay, and Mr. John L. Hughes. The objectors contend that Mr. Donkin and Mr. Alexander are no longer practical shipowners whose vessels use the Canal, and Lord Rathmore never was a shipowner. In place of these gentlemen the Hull shipowners want to have appointed three cargo steamship owners whose vessels use the Canal every week, for Sir T. Sutherland, Mr. F. Green and Sir J. L. Mackay represent the companies owning liners. Moreover in 1893 Mr. Charles do Lessers agreed with the British shipowners that after 25 per cent profit had been paid on the Canal shares anything extra should be devoted to the reduction of the shipping dues till five francs a ton was reached.

The Company, however, a few years ago, set aside this agreement and adopted a sliding scale, according to which for every one per cent beyond 25 per cent paid to the shareholders there was to be a reduction of 50 centimes a ton in shipping dues. Thus a charge which a little over 30 years ago was 3 francs a ton now is seven francs 75 centimes. The cargo shipowners want this improved in their interest and they intend to try to get representation on the London directors of the Canal as a means to that end.

SHANGHAI'S POLICE.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, March 22.

The annual meeting of the Ratepayers' Association, to be held on the 23rd inst., has been postponed to the 24th inst. because, after all, they have not been so supine as we thought with regard to police affairs and they blame the Indian Government for the non-arrival of the additional force of Sikhs. Tired of waiting, they eventually despatched Mr. Fenton himself to carry on recruiting work in India and 60 men are already on their way out; and more, they have also engaged Captain Barrett of the Malay States Guides to take command of the Indian police in Shanghai, and this appointment is only awaiting the sanction of the Army Council when the transfer will take place. As the Council explained, they would have done so before but were waiting for the help which never came from India; and, indeed, throughout the meeting their tone was quite apologetic, which was not entirely hidden even in Mr. Kewell's peculiarly frank and straightforward utterances. We have been assured that it is the earnest intention of the Council to bring our Police Force up to a very high standard, and measures are already being taken to increase its numbers. Touching the all-important question of the Captain Superintendent of the Police, the Council eloquently discoursed on the difficulty of finding the right man for the position, and the apologetic note was quite apparent again when they explained that they only appointed the present occupant as Acting Captain Superintendent on six months' probation, knowing him to be a hard working and capable officer. Before the meeting it was generally expected that the Council would propose when the Resolution was proposed suggesting the formation of a Committee of Seven to be appointed by the Ratepayers with the object of making a thorough investigation into the conditions surrounding the Police Force. However, with tactful care Mr. Darwent poured out a troubled waters and moved that the Council should appoint the Seven, and the Council acquiesced.

SPORTING.

Yachting.

The cruisers of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club are to sail for a cup presented by His Excellency the Governor on April 21. The race is to be round a rock to the east of Lingling Island and back, and both European and Chinese rigged yachts will compete. In order that both classes may take a prize, the Club is presenting a second cup. If a Chinese rigged boat wins the Governor's Cup the first European boat home within her handicap takes the Club cup, or vice versa. The start is at 9 a.m. and the race is under the usual cruising conditions. The handicaps are as follow: La Cigale scratch; Brynhilde 12 minutes; Hajide 25 minutes; Thistle 35 minutes; Snipe 55 minutes; Australian 55 minutes; Tavy 75 minutes; Dorothy 110 minutes; Darwin 130 minutes.

On April 6 a race for a prize presented by Dr Jordan will be sailed—ladies steering. The Club present a second prize, and a third is to be given by the Commodore, the Hon. Mr. May. A launch leaves Blakes Pier at 2 p.m. for members and friends to view the race.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.

The new Austrian Lloyd steamer "Vorwarts," which is now in the harbour and on which the agents (Messrs Sandel Weiler and Company) and the captain will be "At Home" on Thursday next from 4 to 6 p.m., is a fine, up-to-date steamer of 3,800 tons. Having been completed at Trieste within a few months she is now on her maiden voyage and from all accounts is a steamer well appointed for the Far Eastern run.

New Austrian Lloyd Steamer.

The new steamer "Vorwarts" of the Austrian Lloyd Steamship Co., is described by a Japan paper as being an up-to-date vessel in every respect. There is accommodation on the "Vorwarts" for forty-eight passengers, there being two first-class cabins, eleven two-berths, and twenty single. These latter cabins are provided with doors communicating with one another, an improvement recently introduced on ocean liners greatly appreciated by friends occupying adjacent cabins. The height of the port-holes above water allows of them being opened in any weather, the cabins being built on the upper and promenade decks. The gangways are lofty, well-lighted and ventilated, and should be cool even in the hottest climate. The lavatory and bathing accommodation is also first-class, the four needle-baths being an additional luxury. There is a very comfortable smoking-room, which also contains writing-tables and the ladies' saloon is a cosy and handsomely-upholstered apartment, furnished with piano and plenty of easy seats and lounges. Electric fans are fixed in the saloons and cabins, all the looked-for conveniences in a modern ocean liner are provided, and the "Vorwarts" should be assured of securing her share of the passenger traffic to and from the Far East.

An inspection "down below" showed that all the latest and best machinery has been put into the vessel. She has triple-expansion engines of 3,600 indicated horsepower, and on her trial trip she made 14.7 knots. There are four single-ended boilers, with Howard's forced draught. The thrust-block and shaft bearings are fitted with a patent water-cooling apparatus, while the ammunition-chamber has a patent door by which the chamber can be hermetically sealed in case of emergency in a few seconds. The steering of the ship is controlled by Brown's patent hydraulic steering gear. The refrigeration accommodation is on a very large scale, there being separate refrigerators for meat, vegetables, and wine, in addition to a large ice-chamber. The kitchen and bakery are also fitted with the latest improvements, and the ship is lit throughout by electricity.

BUGGY FOOTBALL.

The Internationals Reviewed.

(By E. H. D. SEWELL.)

LONDON, February 15.

Before commenting upon the three international matches of our annual international season, which have been played, I must tell you about the disastrous ending of the South Africans' tour at Cardiff, on the plea of better late than never. The match was played on New Year's day and, of course, the uncharitable said after the event that the Springboks had been seeing the old year out, but nothing of that sort occurred, you may take it direct from me. No, the big defeat, as complete and thorough as that of the South Africans over Wales at Swansea on December 1 had been, was due to three causes: (1) the earnestness and self-confidence of the Cardiff team combined with Gwyn Nicholls, (2) the fearful state of the ground, (3) the accident to W. A. Millar soon after the start.

WELSH CONFIDENCE.

As to the first there is nothing else in the world of sport quite like the confidence of a Welsh team when on business on its own ground. On the way from Swansea to Cardiff after the Welsh rout I heard Cardiff men say without a word of boasting in their voices that Cardiff would beat the Africans on New Year's day. A friend of mine went into the dressing room at Cardiff Arms Park before the match, while the men were getting into harness and he tells me that had he not himself had some experience in sporting matters the confident tone prevailing would have appeared simply appalling. He questioned Bush and one or two others as to Cardiff's tactics and the general scheme was that Cardiff would do this, that and the other thing. "But," suggested my friend, "what will the Africans say to that?" "Oh, the Africans they—well..." and the rest was lost in a look full of the meaning that, simply, the Africans backs and what they thought were not on the Cardiff map at all! This my friend told me during the period just before the kick-off so that his was no fancy story after the event. Gwyn Nicholls told me after the match that so earnest were the Cardiff team he fully believed they would have won on dry turf. That, having seen their every performance, I do not agree to. There was an almost diabolical certainty about the African backs on a dry turf which to my mind makes them out an unbeaten side, bar rain. It would have been a great game in dry weather but bar accidents the Africans would have won it.

THE GROUND.

As to the second cause, the visitors, never good on bad going, were absolutely at sea on stuff that in some places was literally and truly ankle deep. How Nicholls got up the pace he did nobody knows. I think he ran on his heels, while everyone else tried the more familiar but less firm sole-ride. As he ran he appeared to me to dig his heels in rather noticeably. Whatever he did he could have given anyone on that field a yard or two in a hundred that afternoon.

The loss of W. A. Millar appears at first sight to have been balanced by the retirement of Biggs from the Cardiff three-quarter line. But, to Millar the Africans looked to depriving the Welshmen of

THE "LOOSE HEAD"

in the scrum. The scheme was—and it paid all the way to Swansea—for Millar to pretend to pack as one of the last pair of the Africans' 3, 3, 2 shape and at the last instant to dash up on the side where the Welsh had the outside and loose head. This he did with great agility at Swansea. When he retired back at Cardiff at half-time—he had been off most of the first half and when on after the first five minutes was unable, through injury, to be of any real use—Paul Ross took upon himself the task of fighting for the loose head. He is not built for the job and was not a success. By the time he had secured it, when he did secure it, the ball was out among the Cardiff backs. And once there with Nicholls, as only Nicholls at his best can play, and with all his handling as only a Welshman can handle a wet ball, the South Africans' number was up with a vengeance. They finished gamely, were not beaten until the whistle blew and will always be remembered as a fine combination of gentlemen who played the game and the game only, right to the last drop. We want all this sort on our side when the next war comes, as come it will if things do not soon change.

ENGLAND'S WALKS.

Notoriously brief is the public memory. So brief that quite a number of people went away from Sydneyham in December 8, remembering only England's pressing of South Africa, playing one short during the last twenty minutes, and forgetting completely about the manner in which, even of horrible going, South Africa had, minus three of their Test match players, (Kriger, Stogmann and May) hopelessly outplayed England in the first half of the game. A writer in the Sportsman, in a mistaken notion of patriotism, took this view, viz., that England were as good as South Africa and that in fact England was

RATHER UNLUCKY TO LOSE!

A day or two later a correspondent in the same paper complimented it upon having taken the right view of the game and added that English rugby was looking up again, etc., etc. On the strength of this and similar utterances a good many had judges of the game thought England would at last beat Wales in Wales on January 12. When, however, we got to Swansea, England, so far from looking like the conqueror of Wales, only once looked at all like scoring a try! Wales did not, as I hear was called out to the

East, play New Zealand formation. That cable is part and parcel of

THE WAY SPORT IS MANAGED

in the press of the United Kingdom. It reminds me of the time when I was in India when Reuters cabled out that Cambridge had won the Varsity cricket match. Forthwith "two drinks" and a few odd rupees were paid out in the various clubs and messes only for the payees to see the other side of the picture next day when an "Oh, No! Beg pardon!" sort of cable arrived, saying that Oxford had won. Excuse the digression, but it's really most absurd that in a sporting Empire such as ours it seems impossible to telegraph simple facts.

Wales played seven forwards—not on New Zealand principles entirely—and eight backs, not at all in New Zealand shape! England played eight forwards on New Zealand principles—said principles being meant wholly and solely for a seven pack!! Mine the catch-ymes. But for this decision on the part of the English skipper, Captain Basil A. Hill, R.M.A.L.I., viz., that his pack was to pack on every man in the one position plan, to which he added the extraordinary marching order that he alone was to "heel" the ball, England would not have been so badly beaten. Of that there is no shadow of doubt. Even though our

BEST FORWARDS ARE NOT SELECTED our pack is a good one, but our half-backs, particularly Jago of Devon, who is apparently to be played until senility alone forbids his selection, are terribly weak, and except Birkett, men are chosen for the three-quarter line, who to begin with, don't know the game of Rugby football.

As for the game itself, the "new" Welsh fifteen—Nicholls, Morgan, Harding, D. Jones, Williams, and Hodges of the old guard being not selected, or, as in the case of Hodges, on the injured list—naturally did not get into its stride at once. In fact, for over twenty minutes there was nothing in it beyond the fact that the English eight were very very slow packers, the fast men being told off as the last line in the pack almost invariably being the first ready to "go down" but having to wait for the slow coaches to whom the front and middle rows had been allotted. Owing to this the Welshmen were always pretty well within striking distance.

THE FIRST TRY.

Jackett, our full back, was injured and retired for repairs, and Wales at once scored after the Pontypool contest, Evans, (one of the new brigade, but not a Gwyn Nicholls in embryo) had made clever play towards the left. Jackett returned but the second Welsh try, following blind side play by Owens and Maddocks, came from Gibbs of Cardiff. In the movement just before my position in the Press seats Kelly tackled Maddocks who in passing on being tackled threw yards forward with J. T. Gillespie, the famous Scottish half of the 1901 team, seeing the event, so that really the try was a wrong one. The English defeat did not, however, hinge on it. Just before half-time Gabe came sailing over towards the right, flung out over the right centre, who was marked to Maddocks, who was not, and the third try resulted.

At half-time the forwards brought Hill in vain to allow them to pack as they came up. And so the good thing for Wales went on, until twenty minutes from the end the order was passed along to the English forwards to pack as they liked.

THEN IT WAS TOO LATE!

Jago at half had at least half-a-dozen fair chances of setting his outside half, A. D. Stoop—who stood much too far back—and the centres going, but the Devon dwarf was hopelessly lost. Directly from one of his wretched attempts at passing Wales scored a try, their sixth, the game ending—it was scarcely a match—in a two goals, four tries win for Wales. We thought at last we should have the consolation of seeing an English XV selected without Jago at half. This exhibition, said we, must surely have convinced the selectors of his utter incapacity as an international player.

(To be continued.)

"HONGKONG" IN LIVERPOOL.

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, February 14.

The Liverpool police court on Saturday looked not unlike a bit of Hongkong. Liverpool has a considerable Chinatown, and the stipendiary had to decide whether a boarding house in Cleveland Square run by Wing Tai was a gaming house, and whether Leong Chey, a seaman, really shot another Chinaman named Harry Fong. There was a big muster of Orientals to see the trial. Wing Tai was a prosperous-looking Celestial, and when twice the police raided his house he was doing a big business, a number of gambling Chinese being engaged in games of chance with about ten pounds spread in front of them. Wing Tai contended that all that happened was that his lodgers were having a friendly game. The second case was taken before the magistrate decided on either of them. In it Harry Fong, a wonderfully Europeanised Chinaman with a crimson waistcoat, said Leong Chey had owed him £10 for eighteen months, and when he pressed for it in Wing Tai's boarding house Leong Chey fired at him. The latter denied the story from A to Z and the magistrate was content with merely finding him over. Wing Tai escaped scot-free.

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(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Feb. 16.

His Majesty is very "fit" and his drive to the Commons on Tuesday was carried out to the accompaniment of a lively conversation with the Queen. Their Majesties had a really good time in Paris last week and on their way home they witnessed the embarrassment of one of their Lancashire subjects. He came on the Quay at Calais just as a South Eastern boat was leaving. Thinking it was his boat he rushed aboard and by the time the vessel was getting out to sea he had strolled on to the saloon deck, where to his surprise he found himself face to face with the King and Queen. An enquiry promptly ascertained him with a demand to know the nature of his business. He explained, but was escorted below where he was examined by the detectives. They became speedily assured that he was a reasonably honest citizen and no marchist, so they gave him more liberty on the arrival of the boat at Dover this fellow passenger of the King was allowed to proceed as he chose.

Vessels Advertised as Loading

DESTINATION.	VESSEL.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
Australian Ports	Empire (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	April 27, at Noon.
Bremen, v. Ports of call	Wendisch (s)	Melchers & Co.	Mar. 27, at Noon.
Bremen, v. Ports of call	Prinz Ludwig (s)	Melchers & Co.	Mar. 27, at Noon.
Bremen, v. ports of call	Zieten (s)	Melchers & Co.	April 10, at Noon.
Chinkiang	Kwangs (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 1, at Noon.
Cebu & Hilo.	Sungshang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 6, at 4 p.m.
Chefoo & N'chwang.	Kweiyang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 4, & p.m.
Callao, Iquique & Japan	Glenfarg (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Mar. 27, at Noon.
Fiume, Trieste, &c.	Vorwarts (s)	Dardner, Wieler & Co.	Mar. 30, at 5 p.m.
Japan, Oruz, Mexico.	Mario (s)	China Com. & Co., Ltd.	Mar. 23, at 5 p.m.
Japan & Portland, Or.	Nicomedia (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	April 1, at Noon.
Japan & Portland, Or.	Numentia (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	April 8.
Kobe & Yokohama.	Trasta Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	April 6.
Kobe & Yokohama.	Manila (s)	Melchers & Co.	About April 8.
Kudat, Sandakan, &c.	Borneo (s)	Melchers & Co.	April 2, at Noon.
London & Antwerp.	Breszenhor (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About April 10.
Mar., L'don & A'op.	Nile (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About April 10.
Mar.'s, London &c.	Malta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 6, at Noon.

Manila, A'lian Ports.	Yavata Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	April 19, at Noon.
Manila, A'lian Ports.	Changsha (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	April 10, at 4 p.m.
Manila, A'lian Ports.	Prize Sigismund (s)	Melchers & Sons.	Mar. 28, at Noon.
Manila, A'lian Ports.	Tainan (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Mar. 8, at 4 p.m.
Messageres, v. Saigon.	Shawhan, Tomes & Co.	Shawhan, Tomes & Co.	April 5, at 3 p.m.
Manila	Zafra (s)	Shawhan, Tomes & Co.	Mar. 30, at Noon.
Manila	Rabi (s)	Shawhan, Tomes & Co.	April 6, at Noon.
Manila	Loongang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Mar. 30, at 4 p.m.
Manila	Teau (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	April 2, at 4 p.m.
N'saki, Kobe & Y'ham	Nikko Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	April 17.
Naples, Havre, H'burg.	Habensbr (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie.	April 8.
New York, San Francisco, v. Japan.	Alberga (s)	Shawhan, Tomes & Co.	About April 12.
New York, San Francisco, v. Japan.	Shawhan, Tomes & Co.	Shawhan, Tomes & Co.	About April 20.
San Francisco, v. Japan.	Siberia (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	About April 20.
San Francisco, v. Japan.	China (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	Apr. 9, at Noon.
San Francisco, v. Japan.	Mongolia (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	April 16, at Noon.
Seattle, v. S'hai, Japan.	Minnesota (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	May 11, at Noon.
Shai, Kobe & Y'ham	Rhenania (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie.	April 3.
Shai, Kobe & Y'ham	Ville de la Citotat (s)	Messageries Maritimes.	About April 1.
Shanghai, Kobe, Y'ham	Formosa (s)	Melchers & Sons.	About Mar. 27.
Shai, Moji, Kobe, Y'ham	Fernando (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About April 1.
Shanghai.	Arcadia (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Mar. 31, Daylight.
Shanghai.	Choyang (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Mar. 28, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai.	Yinchow (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	April 8, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai.	Shaoching (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	April 8, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai.	Kinkang (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	April 3, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai and Kobe.	Kagoshima Maru (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	April 19, at Noon.
Shanghai and Kobe.	Yokohama Maru (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	April 19, at Noon.
S'pore, P'ang, Calcutta	Namsang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Mar. 27, at 3 p.m.
S'pore, C'ng, B'bay	Bombay Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Mar. 28, at 3 p.m.
S'pore, P'ang, C'bo, & S'.	Ceylon Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	April 6.
S'pore, Amoy & F'chow	Haiching (s)	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Mar. 28, at 9 a.m.
S'pore, Amoy & Tamsui	Musan Maru (s)	Oosaka Shosen Kaisha.	April 31, at 9 a.m.
S'pore, Amoy & Ningpo	Fukubeu Maru (s)	Oosaka Shosen Kaisha.	April 31, at 8 a.m.
S'pore, Ningpo & S'hai	Ichow (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Mar. 3, at 2 p.m.
Tientsin, Shanghai.	Richmond (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	Mar. 27, at 4 p.m.
Victoria, B.C.	Lyle (s)	Dewell & Co. Limited.	Mar. 18.
Victoria, B.C., Seattle	Alki Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	April 2, at 4 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., & S'.	Tartar (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Mar. 27, at 4 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., & S'.	Empress of China (s).	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	April 11, at 4 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., & S'.	Athenian (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	May 1, at Noon.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.				
March 28, 1907.				
Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations.
NAMES.				Cash.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corporation.	80,000	£ 125	all	\$850, sellers
Nations Bank of China, Limited.	99,923	7 £ 6	6	London, £101.10
				\$51.

MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	50	\$380, sellers
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	83.33	25	8100
North China Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	15	6	100, sellers
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	250	100	\$545, sales
Yangtze River Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	100	60	0162, buyers
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	20	\$90, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	250	50	\$342, sellers
DOCKS, ETC.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	50	all	\$130, sellers
Geo. Fawcett & Co. Lim. s. l.	18,000	25	20	\$18, ex div.
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	10,000	62	62	12
Shanghai Dock and Eng. Co., Ltd.	55,700	110	110	110, 92
STEAMSHIP, WARE, ETC.				
China and Manila S. S. Co. Ltd.	30,000	25	25	\$18, sellers
Donghai Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	50	all	833
H.K. & M. Steamship Co., Ltd.	50,000	15	15	\$50, sales & sellers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	50,000	10	all	\$50, sales
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	10	10	\$30
Shanghai Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	3,000,000	1	1	\$20, sellers
Taku Road and Lighter Co., Ltd.	8,000	110	90	110, 50
Tientsin and Hopei S. S. Co., Ltd.	200,000	110	90	110, 50

Shanghai Tea & Sugar Co., Ltd.	100,000	Tls.	50	Tls.	50	Tls.	50, buyers
Preference.						Tls.	48,
REFINERIES.							
China Sugar Company, Limited.....	20,000	\$	100	all		\$125, buyers	
Onoda Sugar Company, Limited.....	7,000	\$	100	all		\$21, buyers	
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.....	7,000	Tls.	50	Tls.	50	Tls.	111
WEAVERS.							
H.K. & Bow, Ward & Godown Co.	30,000	\$	50	all		\$80	
	10,000						
Shanghai and Hongkong Wool Co.	20,000	Tls.	100	Tls.	100	Tls.	218
	13,000						
LAND AND BUILDING.							
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.....	50,000	\$	100	100		\$107, sales & buyers	
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited.	62,000	Tls.	50	Tls.	50	Tls.	100
	25,000	\$	50	\$	25	\$84	
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	\$	50	\$	30	\$37, buyers	
Wong's Commercial Land & Building Co., Ltd.	3,764	Tls.	25	Tls.	25	Tls.	12,
Whampoa Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$	10	all		\$11, sellers	
West Point Building Co., Limited.....	12,500	\$	50	\$	50	\$11, buyers	
TRAMWAYS.							
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	\$	100	all		\$220, buyers	
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Société Française des Charbon- niers du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs.	250	all		\$440, buyers	

Anglo Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	1	18 10	
Bankers, etc.				\$8, sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	\$	50	all
Astor House Hotel Ltd. (Hankow)	2,000	12 1/2	50	\$118, sellers
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	30,000	\$	35	\$113, all
				\$30
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LONDON.				
H.K. and China C. Co., Limited	7,000	L	10	all
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	L	6	\$176, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$	10	\$123, all
				\$16
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	200,000		10	\$105, sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Eds Asbestos Kauter Agency	8,604	\$	12 1/2	12 1/2
				\$7, sellers
United Asbestos Varnish & Gouey, Limited	9,000	\$	10	\$
	10,000	\$	10	\$10, buyers
Eds Waterworks Co., Ltd.	18,000	\$	10	\$10, all
	26,000	\$	7 1/2	\$10, all & sellers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited	8,000	\$	25	all
	7,000	\$	20	\$240, buyers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$	10	\$345, all
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